For Further Study

A Companion Guide to the Parallels Between Moses, Elijah, Elisha, and the Miracles of Jesus

Bible Passages for Direct Reading

The best place to start is by reading the passages mentioned in the video directly. Recommended readings include Exodus 14, which narrates the crossing of the sea; Exodus 16, on the manna in the desert; Exodus 17, on the water that flows from the rock; First Kings 17, with the account of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath; Second Kings 4, which includes both the multiplication of loaves by Elisha and the raising of the Shunammite woman's son; and Second Kings 5, with the healing of Naaman.

In the New Testament, the key passages for comparison are Matthew 14 and John 6, on the multiplication of the loaves; John 4, on the Samaritan woman and the living water; Mark 4, on the calming of the storm; and Luke 7, on the widow of Nain.

Academic and General Readership Books

Richard Hays, in Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels, offers a central reference in biblical studies on how the evangelists engage in dialogue with the Old Testament. It is a scholarly work, but widely cited by those studying biblical intertextuality.

N. T. Wright has written several works exploring how Jesus positions himself within Israel's narrative and expectations, including Jesus and the Victory of God and The New Testament and the People of God.

Raymond E. Brown, in his classic commentary on the Gospel of John, discusses in detail the parallels between the manna in the desert and the bread of life discourse.

Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart, in their book How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth, offer an accessible introduction to identifying this kind of narrative pattern in Scripture, making it a good starting point for readers without academic training in theology.

Free Online Resources

The Bible Project, available at bibleproject.com and on YouTube, produces videos and articles that explore this kind of thematic and literary connection between the Old and New Testaments in a very accessible way.

Bible Hub, at biblehub.com, allows readers to compare different translations and scholarly commentaries verse by verse, which helps clarify the textual parallels discussed here.

An Important Note

These connections are discussed across different schools of thought, ranging from confessional biblical theology to academic literary criticism. It is worth exploring more than one perspective in order to form your own balanced understanding of the topic.